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What's Up?

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The California Senior Legislature's Mission: To Improve the Quality of Life for Aging Californians

Chair's Corner

By Joseph A. Cox

As I travel around our great country, I am amazed at the acts of courage, selflessness, and willingness to help others less fortunate than themselves that I see every day. This is especially noticeable in our CSL members. Thank you to each and every one of you for doing your part in making this a better world and improving the Quality of Life for Aging Californians

We have been very effective this year in meeting our \$250,000 requirement to stay on the California FTB list. I was very concerned that the state of the economy would have a major effect on our ability to meet our requirement. However; the economy does seem to be having an effect on our ability to raise funds for our program book advertising. These are the results as of August 1, 2008 - \$470 for 11 ads. This compares to: 2007 - \$1,980 for 18 ads, 2006 - \$910 for 15 ads, and 2005 - \$1,657 for 18 ads. These funds are used for printing, banquets, lunches and many miscellaneous items necessary to conduct our October sessions. These items are not covered in our

California Fund for Senior Citizens account. We need YOUR help in promoting advertising in our program book. Will you help?

Stay active and keep promoting "The California Senior Legislature!"

What are Members up to?

Senior Assembly Member Sol Fingold – Attended the CRCEA Spring Conference in Bakersfield, CA

Senior Senator Bernice Hothersall and Senior Assembly Member Margaret Mooney – Attended the second annual Seniors of Kern County "Western Hoedown." Approximately 200 seniors attended this fun-filled event.

Senior Senator Richard Lundin – Gave presentations at the Napa Chapter of Retired Public Employees Luncheon and at the Vacaville Roundtable.

Senior Assembly Member Tom Lacey – Will be starring in his own TV show three nights a week – Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday – on Channel 3, Time Warner, in "Walk in the Park with your Senior Legislator," starting July 29, 2008. Be sure to watch it!

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Senior Senator George "Bud" Winslow – Spoke to the Senior Companions and Foster Grandparents of Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey Counties about the CSL.

Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn – Gave a presentation to the Rotary Group in Brentwood.

If any members would like a copy of any of the above, please contact the CSL office.

If there is any organization or individual that you would like to receive our monthly newsletter, please send the contact name and address to the CSL office and those people will receive a copy every month either by email or snail mail.

Sad News

Joan B. Lee of the Gray Panthers passed away Saturday, July 26, 2008. Joan was a beloved and admired advocate for seniors and people with disabilities and a leader of the Sacramento Gray Panthers. Her death was caused by complications resulting from lung and bone cancer that had spread rapidly. Her Memorial Service was Friday, August 15, 2008. She will be missed!

Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them but you always know they are there!

CSL embarks on new Funding Venture

by Horace Mann

Corporate sponsorship can add significantly to our annual budget. Do you have any ties to a corporate office, past employer, family member, friend, yourself? Please send any leads to Senior Senator Horace Mann at

www.fbmanna@juno.com or my home address 17900 Ocean Drive, #41, Fort Bragg, CA 95437. Please do not send just corporate or business name without the name of the person responsible for corporate giving.

Any news for the September Newsletter need to be submitted to the CSL office by September 5, 2008.

Some people try to turn back their life's odometers. Not me. I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long, long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

Greetings from Session Planning

by Lola Young

It's August already; how time flies when you're having fun. We are getting close to session. Lots of work still needs to be done, but we are on track.

We need the cooperation of all our members. Please remember to send in your request for policy committees. Even if you do not plan on changing your policy committee, we need you to send in that fact with your policy committee request form. If we receive the request, first priority will be given to those members who wish to remain on the same committee.

In the next couple of months we will be voting on the Moira Jackson award, and the volunteer award. Be sure to send in your nomination for those awards.

Be sure to make your reservations for the Holiday Inn by September 19. If you need Business Cards or badges,

those forms need to be in the office ASAP.

If you know of anyone who would be willing to volunteer at our session, be sure to have them fill out the form and send it to the office. We really need more volunteers. Lunches and dinners of volunteers will be provided by CSL for the days that volunteer works. I speak as a former volunteer when I say it is a great experience. You should have received the form for banquet reservations in the mail by now. Get them in as soon as possible as we need to have an accurate head count. A special thank you to June Glassmier, who once again has volunteered to take care of the banquet reservations and registration. Thank you also to Sally Wieck for volunteering to help June at the registration table.

When all is said and done, the success of this or any session is because our members make it a success. The session planning committee has worked hard, and things are going well. We have run into a few snags, but when we all do our part, the snags just seem to unravel.

The key to a successful Session is always cooperation. This is your Session. You can help to make it a successful one. I thank those who have taken the time to send in their suggestions. I am hoping more will come in. My email is young7458@att.net. I will bring any and all suggestions to the session planning committee. This is your Session - your ideas and suggestions should and will be considered. Please let us hear from you.

Forget health food. I'm at an age where I need all the preservatives I can get.

Good news

The CSL office staff (Sherry) now has a cell phone for members to call in an emergency. This phone number is to be called only after hours in emergencies such as problems with traveling to CSL meetings or locating Sherry during the Session or things along this order. The office phone number is still to be used during office hours when you know that Sherry is at work.

The new cell number is:
 (916) 710-1599.

CSL Member a Convicted Felon?

Senior Senator Bruce Steir announces the production of his biography, "*Jailhouse Journal of an OB/GYN*" This memoir tells the story of a doctor caught in the abortion debate and his subsequent incarceration. This book is available from Author House or through your local bookseller.

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Office Closures

The CSL office will be closed on the following dates:
 August 18-19 – JRC meeting
 August 21-29 – Staff Vacation

Current CSL Legislation

AP-2 AB 2139 (De La Torre)
 Senior Assembly Member Lola Young
 IHSS Provider Auto Insurance

AP-4 AB 2100 (Wolk/Berg/Krekorian)
 Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn
 Elder Abuse Reporting

AP-10 AB 2516 (Mendoza)
 Senior Assembly Member Sharon Monck
 Prescriptions: electric transmissions - **Failed**

AP-12/2006 AB 1765 (Blakeslee)
 Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh
 Elder Abuse: Mandated Reporters - **Failed**

AP-12/2007 AJR 21 (Portantino)
 Senior Assembly Member Arthur Serrin
 Housing authorities: federal vouchers and certificates: shared housing

AP-13 SB 1058 (Alquist/Florez)
 Senior Assembly Member Sol Fingold
 Health & Care Facilities: Bacterial Infections

AP-19 SB 977 (Correa)
 Senior Assembly Member Pat Trotter
 Senior Facility Infrastructure Upgrades

AP-22/SP-8 AB 1900 (Nava)
 Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker & Senior Senator Erwin Fromm
 Seniors: elder abuse: death records: fees.

AP-28 AB 2051 (Anderson)
 Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn
 Elder abuse offender registry - **Failed**

(Krohn) AB 2543 (Berg)
 Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn
 Geriatric & Gerontology Workforce Expansion Act

SP-2/2006 SB 692 (Ashburn)
 Senior Senator Fromm
 IHSS: criminal background checks. (**Chaptered**)

SP-16 AB 2229 (Huffman)
 Senior Senator Dolores G. Wright
 Medi-Cal: dental examinations - **Failed**

SP-18 AB 2160 (Carter)
 Senior Senator Kitty Mesler, Senior Assembly Members Juanita Beighle, Fran Givens, and Jane Godager
 Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act: disability: definition

SP-22 AB 2460 (Davis)
 Senior Senator Marvin Goldman
 Consumer Loans: seniors - **Failed**

SP-29 AJR 111 (Huffman)
 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby
 Senior Volunteer Month (**Chaptered**)

AFP-1/2004 SJR 12 (Simitian)
 Retired Member Helen Karr
 Elder Abuse Awareness Stamp (**Chaptered**)

AFP-2 (Lopes) H.R.3648 (Rangel)
Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes
Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007
(Public Law #110-142 12/20/2007)

AFP-7 AJR 31 (Jones/Machado)
Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh
Government Negotiated Drug Prices (Chaptered)

Other Supported Legislation

AB 152 Beall
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

AB 725 Lieber
Housing: universal rental housing application

AB 1022 Saldaña
Continuing care home service

AB 1158 Benoit
Witnesses: conditional examinations

AB 1444 Benoit
Physical Therapists: scope of practice - **Failed**

AB 1526 Lieber
Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund
Act of 2006.

AB 1554 Jones
Health care coverage: rate approval

AB 1887 Beall
Health care coverage; mental health services

AB 2038 Lieber
Persons with disabilities: victims of crime

AB 2101 Wolk/Krekorian
Residential Care Facilities - **Failed**

AB 2105 DeSaulnier
Elder and dependent adult abuse

AB 2137 Saldaña
Insurance: rescission of long-care contracts

AB 2149 Berg
Investment Advisors

AB 2150 Berg
Insurance: sales designations

AB 2157 Horton
Skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities:
licensing - **Failed**

AB 2319 Horton
Identification cards: renewal by mail

AB 2370 Bass
Residential care facilities for the elderly

AB 2439 De La Torre
Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan
Repayment Program: fees

AB 2475 Horton
Skilled nursing facilities - **Failed**

AB 2543 Berg
Geriatric and Gerontology Workforce Expansion
Act

AB 2598 Leno
Residential care facilities for the elderly - **Failed**

AB 2796 Nava
Civil obligations

AB 2947 Eng
Elder and dependent adult abuse: waiver of rights

AB 2967 Lieber
Health care cost and quality transparency

SB 981 Perata
Health care coverage; noncontracting emergency
physician claims

AB 3000 Wolk
Health care decisions: life sustaining treatment

SB 1140 Steinberg
Financial abuse of elder or dependent adults

SB 1164 Scott
Investigators

SB 1216 Scott
Insurance: long-term care

SB 1259 Margett
Witness testimony: support persons: elder abuse -
Failed

SB 1343 Battin
Witness testimony: support persons: elder abuse

SB 1400 Simitian
Sweepstakes

SB 1406 Correa
Optometry

SB 1474 Alquist
Chronic dialysis clinics - **Failed**

SCR 112 Padilla
Services for older adults

S 2708 Boxer
Caring for an Aging America Act of 2008

Sneak Preview of 2009 Proposals

AP 1 Senior Assembly Members Phyllis Purcell, John Kirwin, and Senior Senator Lenwood Long
Transportation: Seniors

AP 2 Senior Assembly Members Phyllis Purcell, Juanita Beighle, John Kirwin, and Senior Senator Roberta Marti
Disabled Persons' and Disabled Veterans' Parking Spaces: width and availability

AP 3 Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn
Financial Elder Abuse Reporting

AP 4 Senior Assembly Member Evelyn Freidman and Senior Senator Edward Woods
HIV/AIDS Education for Older Adults

AP 5 Senior Assembly Member Frank Rosten
Medical Cannabis: Medical Practitioners

AP 6 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero
Food Safety

AP 7 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero
Relating to Hearing Aids

AP 8 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero
Pharmaceuticals: Labels

AP 9 Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh
Nursing Home Reform

AP 10 Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh
SSI/SSP Benefits

AP 11 Senior Assembly Member Roland Gerbracht
Crimes against Elders

AP 12 Senior Assembly Member Roland Gerbracht
Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse: Sexual abuse or touching

AP 13 Senior Assembly Member Samuel Park
California Senior Legislature: California Senior Citizens' Club

AP 14 Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch
Emergency Transportation

AP 15 Senior Assembly Members Billie Taylor and Senior Senator Mickey Peabody
Notarized Documents: Execution by patient in skilled nursing facility

AP 16 Senior Assembly Members Lola Young, Martin Tucker, Sally Wieck, and Senior Senators Erwin Fromm, Jim Levy, and Bill Young
California Elder Economic Security Standard Index

AP 17 Senior Assembly Member Lola Young, Martin Tucker, Sally Wieck, and Senior Senators Erwin Fromm, Edward Woods, and Bill Young
Skilled Nursing Facilities: End-of-life privacy

AP 18 Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe
Caregivers

AP 19 Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe
Grading System for Nursing Homes

AP 20 Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker, Sally Wieck, and Senior Senator Erwin Fromm
Medi-Cal Benefits: Personal and incidental needs

AP 21 Senior Assembly Member Dorothy Sorensen
Senior Convalescent Care Facilities: Personal equipment: Permanent marking

AP 22 Senior Assembly Member Frank Rosten
Restaurant Gratuities

AP 24 Senior Assembly Member Bernard Weintraub
Nursing Homes: Corporate ownership

AP 25 Senior Assembly Member Phyllis Purcell, Juanita Beighle, John Kirwin, and Senior Senator Patricia Jones
Funding of Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals

AFP 1 Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh
Social Security: Cost-of-living adjustment

AFP 2 Senior Assembly Member Bernard Weintraub
Nursing Homes: Disclosure of ownership information

AFP 3 Senior Assembly Member Lola Young, Martin Tucker, Sally Wieck, and Senior Senator Erwin Fromm, Jim Levy, and Bill Young
Federal Poverty Guidelines

AFP 4 Senior Assembly Member Arthur Serrin
Affordable Housing: Families of servicemen and servicewomen deployed to Afghanistan and the Gulf War Zone of Iraq

AFP 5 Senior Assembly Member Jane Ann Godager, Juanita Beighle, Fran Givens, and Senior Senator Kathleen Mesler
Social Security Cards

AFP 6 Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes
Social Security Adjustment

AFP 7 Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes
Federal Income Tax: Deductions: Medical expenses

AFP 8 Senior Assembly Member Margaret Sowma
Medicare: Home health agencies: Patient rights

AFP 9 Senior Assembly Member Bernard Weintraub
Transparency in Nursing Home Ownership

AFP 10 Senior Assembly Members Patricia Wilson and Richard Wolfe
Federal Social Security: Continuing disability reviews

AFP 12 Senior Assembly Member Lawrence Hartmann
Required Tire Safety Information

SP 1 Senior Senator Marion Faustman
Universal Health Care

SP 2 Senior Senator Clifford Erven
Goods and Services Tax

SP 3 Senior Senators Richard Griswold, Connie Eaton, and Senior Assembly Members June Glasmeier and Larry Hartmann
Property Tax

SP 4 Senior Senator Dolores Wright
Target Population: At-risk seniors

SP 5 Senior Senator Richard Lundin
Senior Housing: Security

SP 6 Senior Senator Joe Murphy
Alzheimer Silver Alert Program

SP 7 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby
Stroke Education Campaign

SP 8 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby
Senior Volunteers

SP 9 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby
Automated External Defibrillators: Signs: Public awareness campaign

SP 10 Senior Senators Jim Levy, Richard Lundin, Bob Jaffee, and Senior Assembly Members Austin Lucero and Lola Young
Increased Access to Community-Based Services

SP 11 Senior Senator Richard Lundin
Senior Financial Abuse

SP 12 Senior Senator Jane Ann Godager
Powers of Attorney

SP 13 Senior Senator Horace Mann
State Department of Mental Health: Suicide prevention program

SP 14 Senior Senator Bob Jaffee
Paratransit

SP 15 Senior Senator Connie Eaton, and Senior Assembly Member June Glasmeier
Affordable Senior Housing: Second units

SP 16 Senior Senator William Young and Senior Assembly Member Lola Young
In-Home Supportive Services: Expanded services

SP 17 Senior Senator Bruce Steir
Elder Death Reviews

SP 18 Senior Senator Richard Lundin
Statewide Elder Protection Courts

SP 19 Senior Senator Craig Orange
Prescription Medication Labels

SP 20 Senior Senator George Winslow
Public Safety: Crosswalk, curb, and sidewalk
improvement

SP 21 Senior Senator Dolores Wright
Free Sport Fishing Licenses

SP 22 Senior Senator Connie Eaton
Funding for the California Senior Legislature

SFP 1 Senior Senator Richard Lundin
Federal Annuitants: Health premiums

SFP 2 Senior Senator Joe Murphy
The Alzheimer Silver Alert Program

SFP 3 Senior Senator Clifford Erven
Senior Consumer Protection: Deceptive marketing
practices

SFP 4 Senior Senator Joe Cox and Senior Assembly
Member Richard Dahlgren
Medicare Coverage of Dental Care

SFP 5 Senior Senator Marion Faustman
Prescription Drug Safety

SFP 6 Senior Senator John Sorensen and Senior
Assembly Member Dorothy Sorensen
Unsolicited Blank Checks

SFP 7 Senior Senator Horace Mann
Medicare Support for Shingles Immunization

Joint Rules Committee Meetings

August 18, 2008	12:00 p.m.	Sacramento
August 19, 2008	9:00 a.m.	Sacramento
September 15, 2008	12:00 p.m.	Sacramento
September 16, 2008	9:00 a.m.	Sacramento
October 20, 2008	10:00 a.m.	Sacramento
October 22, 2008	2:45 p.m.	Sacramento

“Help the Golden State Support the Golden Years!”

Legislative Committee Meetings

October 22, 2008	2:30 p.m.	Sacramento
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California Commission on Aging Meetings Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Field Hearing Topic</u>
October 15-16, 2008	Redding (Shasta County)	Access to Health Care
December 3-4, 2008	Orange County	Access to Health Care

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